
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Kaiapo Library

7.00pm on Tuesday 28th May 2024

1. Welcome and Housekeeping (Emily), toilets & emergency procedures.

2. Opening Karakia – all

3. PRESENT: Ruby Wilson (Co-Chair), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Emily Belton (WDC) Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker), Simoné Bisschoff, Hannah Wells, Esha-May McHugh, Abbie McCurrie, Fiona Xu, Aaliyah Raja.

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Lexie Mealings.

APOLOGIES: Dan Gordon (Mayor,) Aidan Haverkort, Niki Mealings (Councillor), Oscar Bai, Taylor Smith, Lucy Paterson, Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor).

4. Whakatauki from Aidan read by Ruby

Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua.

As man disappears from sight, the land remains.

This demonstrates the holistic values of the Maori, and the utmost respect of Papatuanuku, the mother of the earth.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 30 April 2024

Moved: Zack **Seconded:** Simoné

Mystery Word: Barodynamics.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Emily** to advise if there are other sessions coming up for Kia Rite Hoesa & Governance Training
- **Emily** to circulate list of groups that are available for joining/attending meetings with when they meet & frequency, time commitment required etc. we will discuss in Agenda.
- **Emily** Consent forms for photos and social media release

Youth Council meetings are open to the public; however, the meetings are always held in restricted access areas. If anyone wants to attend, they need to approach Emily first as Emily wants to ensure that we know who will be in attendance and for meetings for Youth Council members to feel safe to share your ideas and opinions. WDC have processes & procedures in place to safeguard Youth Council members wellbeing. Minutes are also available online.

7. Dudley Park Project Group Report – Zack & Ruby

At the last Dudley Park Project Group meeting they had discussions if plan still fit for purpose, how to activate the space, what to do next and how to fund. Deck and mural have been completed,

plus added wheelchair access for deck. Agreed, the next step is the mounded seating area. This is estimated to be about \$20,000, firm quotes are to be sourced once resolution approved. Dudley Park group had researched options through "Give-Us" funding database for options for this project. Group decided to go with funders that don't generate income from gambling and therefore would like to apply to Rātā Foundation (explained who Rātā are and objectives and background).

Previous work for decking and mural cost approx. \$50,000 and were funded through Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Waimakariri District Council, McAlpine's (supplied timber) and Waghorn Builders (labour provided).

Youth Council have 15 members plus 3 Councillors, total 18, and the Quorum is 50% of the group, so 9 need to be present to be able to vote, make decisions, resolutions etc. Present at this meeting is 9, thus quorum met.

Funding Resolution: – To apply to Rātā Foundation for up to \$20,000 +gst for mounded seating at Dudley Park Project.

Moved: Ruby Wilson **Second:** Zack Lappin – **Carried**

8. Environmental Group – Abbie

River Clean up group hasn't met since the last Youth Council Group meeting.

They had Ruby Gill-Clifford from Waimakariri WaterZone Committee come and talk about what that groups do. Also informing Youth Council members that Ruby currently holds the youth position for the Committee, so beware that there could be a position available in the future. Waterzone run monthly meetings and organise funding to assist other community groups to complete waterways related activities, such as planting or regeneration, clean up etc. Youth Council could apply to them to assist with a project.

Also went through the Kia Rite Hoha, (from the event planning course) and reviewed the worksheets and what the community may need (outside of river clean-up).

9. WaiYouth – Simoné

Learn to Cook with Confidence Postponed to 20th June, so that it can be promoted more and get more registrations. To ensure we get enough people to see posters & Facebook posts and attend. Can bring a friend or get a group of 4. *Mageirocophobia*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

10. Reference Group Allocations – Emily

Do you have capacity (time and ability) to attend more meetings & take on additional work & have an interest in any of the following topics? No intention that someone is on every group. Some are regular meetings, others like Awards and Grant panels are more specific at a particular time of year. Crucial that we have someone on the Youth Voice Canterbury and the ECan Youth Public Transport Reference Group. The group reviewed the information of each group and Emily will send out a form if you want to join. Emily can attend first few meetings with you or find a mentor/buddy for you, so that you feel involved, and can have an authentic voice.

We want to provide you with the opportunity to see different options and join if that is your interests and enjoy. Any questions just ask Emily, and she can tell you more.

Looking at admin support for Youth Council, if this is something you are interested in or if you want to do our social media? Have a chat to Emily, to work with her to promote the group, plus learn more about the administration side of what happens.

11. NC Youth Futures Career Expo - Emily

Emily is working with other groups to put on an Expo on Tuesday 13th August at MainPower Stadium. Last year we had a joint stall with Waimakariri District Council, Aquatics and HR. Local companies brought in big trucks, scissor lift, Police vehicle, FENZ fire truck. Driving Simulator. Tertiary education providers were also in attendance. Would you like to have a Youth Council stand there? Work with WaiYouth too? Good idea plus it would be good to have something interactive, give away or survey, consultation. A way to make connections. Let Emily know if there are any business or industries that you would want to see there. Like, follow, share on Instagram.

12. Violence Free NC Quiz Night (Fundraiser) - Emily

Friday 21st of June 7.00-9.30pm at RSA Rangiora
Groups of 4-6 people, cost \$20 per person – youth friendly.
To help them raise money to run workshops and education opportunities for the services in North Canterbury.

13. Youth Week – Emily

A lot has been happening. Aim to Provide opportunities for young people across a couple of weeks. Libraries hosted series of events this week, Aquatics had Inflatables, Mulching day at Silverstream reserve. Skate Jam in Kaiapoi, and one coming up at Dudley. Driver Licencing in Kaiapoi - still 2nd week to go where you can drop in for learner licencing 3-5pm
Skate Jam at Oxford this weekend - Cheapskates running this, free helmet and board hire, free sausage sizzle.
Final weekend: Skate Jam at Dudley 1-4pm Saturday 8th June,
Two planting sessions: Honda Forest Kaiapoi and one at Tūhaitara Coastal Park
Prizes for events with sponsorship from: Warehouse, The ottoman, Burger King, Propaganda, Stirling Sports.
More info on website, Facebook and Instagram.

14. Long Term Plan (LTP) update - Emily

Ruby spoke to the Councillors at the hearing about the Youth Council submission. Nothing extra needed to be included. But Ruby highlighted a few points and provided more context around the survey. They did ask some questions about submission. Grant McLoed was going to review about Boccia Courts. Councillors review submission, then hear those that want to speak to group. Then they need to review everything again and then as a group then they discuss all the submissions, fully consider and make decisions. Councillors have finished last week; we should hear back from Council in next few weeks. Only action from Youth Council was about the Boccia courts.
Migrant Group & the Welcoming communities team want to pass on their thanks to the Youth Council for your work in the Survey and the submission to the LTP. Your Survey has revealed that 30% of youth have identified that racism is an issue (one of the top 4 issues for Youth). This

provides evidence that this is an issue and that our community needs to do more. This can help to influence decisions that the council make, not just in LTP but in actions the council takes or where funding is allocated.

15. Festival for the Future in Wellington

Festival for the Future –16, 17 & 18 July 2024. Young people conference (approx. 2,000), with opportunities for connecting with Mayor of Wellington (formal lunch), social networking with other Youth Councils across NZ. Attend other workshops & hear from different speakers. Previously had a political debate (election year) and Expo Space for community groups and organisations. Interactive activities. Great opportunity to see what other Youth Councils across NZ are doing to improve their communities. Try to go to workshops that interest you but also cover them all so that you can report back/debrief YC on your return.

We are lucky that Council is fully funding this, as other groups have to pay their own way.

Emily has sent out the application form. Please have it back by Tuesday if you want to apply.

In the past 2 YC members sent plus Emily, but we have potential to send more, so if interested, then apply. We will start with those who have been with YC for more than one year. If not enough keen, will open to newer members. Emily will not be going this year as she is away – Elizabeth will be going instead. There is an expectation that you will stay at the Conference and not leave.

16. Sport Festival – Zack

Still getting sport providers on board for the Sport Festival, lots of interest.

17. Ruby – wish good luck to Zack for the Oceania Athletic Camps in Fiji – go well.

ACTIONS:

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- **Emily** - Consent forms for photos and social media release.
- **Emily** – Ask Peter to send Road Safety Group agenda to you to circulate & if anything Youth related or need Youth Voice coming up & attend.
- **Emily** - Check if Otago (Zack) and Lincoln (Ruby) attending Expo. Check Air NZ
- **Emily** – Check with Grant McLeod for Boccia Courts.

Meeting closed at **9.01pm**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7.00pm

Woodend Community Centre

Signed

Date